

Dewey and the Filipino Pony.

During the heavy fighting around San Pedro Macati and just before Gen. Wheaton "Flying Brigade" made their gallant charge, Admiral Dewey and Gen. Otis, accompanied by a party of ladies, steamed up the Pasig river in the General's beautiful launch. The ladies no doubt were impelled to take the rather hazardous trip because of the very flavor of danger; besides they wished to view the battlefields over which our brave fellows had fought. The Admiral and the General were on an official visit to Gen. King. As this party of truly fair women and brave men stepped off the boat on the quaint old landing at this place and sauntered to headquarters building, where they were met by Gen. King, a large crowd of Uncle Sam's Tommies gathered and gazed in admiration that they might tell the folks at home they had seen the great Admiral.

Tied to a hitching post and standing alone and unlooked upon was a fly tortured specimen of that miserable quadruped known as the Filipino horse. Now, while this animal is not great in size, equaling perhaps a Shetland in that respect, it manages to combine to a remarkable degree the stubbornness of a mule, the speed of a jackass and the meanness of a cayuse. As the party passed in rear of this noble charger, who is no respecter of persons, he was seen to lower his ears, and before a warning cry could be given, he, with a snort, raised his heels and sent them flying in the direction of one of the ladies of the party. Quick as a flash the Admiral sprang between the pony and the lady, and received the full force of the flying hoofs in the place where all kicks are supposed to be delivered. A cheer and a laugh which the soldiers could not suppress was as gracefully as the circumstances permitted, acknowledged by Dewey, who had really saved a lady from serious injury, albeit the manner was rather ludicrous.

As the party entered headquarters building, a rush was made for that pony, and despite all his kicking and snorting the offending shoes were wrenched off and carried away by their proud possessors, who had souvenirs really worth boasting about.

How delicious it will be in years to come, when gathered around the old fireside, your loved ones pleading for a story, you are coaxed into a reminiscent mood and say: "My children, this is the shoe that kicked the great Admiral Dewey in the pants."—Manila Freedom, May 9th.

England's Past with the Boers.

We notice that some of our Eastern papers are getting ready as usual to declare that in case a clash comes between Great Britain and the Boers, it will simply be a war of conquest on the part of Great Britain. With those people history will go for nothing. The truth is, that the Boers owe their present security solely to the British Government. An English army broke the power of Cetewayo and his army of 50,000 desperate savages, about the most formidable force that barbarians have ever put in the field in modern times. The other chief, Secocoeni, whom the Boers had never been able to hold their own against, was suppressed by British soldiers. When the British Government had moved every obstacle out of the way of the Boers the Boers themselves arose, armed with the finest sporting rifles that money could buy, purchased from English traders, and the first notice the English received was not to go along a certain road, and when they proceeded along that road they were shot down like dogs. They gave the British a fearful defeat at Majuba hill on February 26, 1881. Indeed, through the whole war the British hardly won a success. The Boers proclaimed a republic, and the British regiment that had been ordered to concentrate at Pretoria was ordered back by the Boers, and when the commander refused, from a well-concealed ambush the Dutch opened fire, and in five minutes every officer and half the privates had been shot down. Then came the defeat of the British under Gen. Colley at Laing's Nek. The British were driven from the mountains, and then a peace was patched up which has lasted up to today. The success in that war make the Boers believe that in any war they can whip the English, and with that feeling in their minds, it is possible that Kitchener will have to repeat in South Africa on the Boers what he performed on the Mahdi on the upper Nile.

The King of Samoa has resigned. The Chicago Times-Herald says: his \$50-a-month job. In as much as he can pick his meals off the trees and doesn't really need the necktie he has been in the habit of wearing he probably came to the conclusion that it was foolish for him to keep on bearing up under the cares of state and adding to the gaiety of nations.

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